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Chair's Corner

"At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us." Albert Schweitzer



Kenneth Simons

In order to become a physician, each of us is grateful to many who touched our lives and encouraged us at some point, be it a parent, friend, or a teacher. As a result of their efforts, coupled with our own, we who have the honor and privilege of caring for patients are truly blessed beyond measure or money. Each and every day in our professional careers we go to work in a clinic building, a hospital or rehabilitation center and I dare say that a few among us have rarely, if ever, given even a fleeting thought to what is going on around us, merely focusing on the genuinely noble task of applying the knowledge and skills we have obtained to those in need. But I would suggest that every now and then, each of us needs to step back and realize that while doing our good works, that we really should reflect on how truly lucky we are, appreciate life and those who assisted us in the past as well as now. While each of us has personal trials that we appropriately compartmentalize so that we may be effective clinicians, on balance if we are honest with ourselves, we have received far more than we have given. Every day, I am blessed to walk into a building whose main mission is not to house the bureaucracy for which I am responsible but rather to care for

those who are developmentally delayed, physically challenged or suffer from TBI. And any time I think I have had or am having a "bad" day, I am fortunate to be able to stop, look and take a moment to reflect and realize that truly is not the case. My family is in relatively good health, we have enough food to eat and we can get away to relax and recharge. This is not the case for many families for whom we care. Many of our patients are unable to care for themselves and are completely dependent upon the amazing women and men who daily toilet, feed and tend to them and their needs with genuine affection and caring at a less than princely wage. These are just some of the unsung heroes of Medicine who deserve our respect and admiration. So the next time you enter your building, please make sure to thank the maintenance staff who keep your building clean and temperature controlled, the nursing staff who tend to the needs of patients that we physicians do not, to the valet staff who make it easier for patients and families to get to their appointments on time, to the front desk staff who check in our patients and anyone else who in any way assists us, and more importantly, assists our patients. Recognizing all our teammates in patient care by giving and expressing sincerely, generously and often our absolute need for them and the services they provide is another part of our responsibility as physicians.

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Medical Examining Board Membership and Staff Assignments

The Medical Examining Board consists of 13 members. The members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

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Information on how to apply for appointment to the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board can be found through the Office of the Governor: https://evers.wi.gov/Pages/Application_Process.aspx.

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The dates and times of the Medical Examining Board meetings are announced on the DSPS website at <https://dsps.wi.gov>. Meeting agendas are posted approximately one week prior to the meeting.

A wealth of useful information is available on the Department of Safety and Professional Services website at: <https://dsps.wi.gov>

Do you have a change of name or address?

Licenses can update name or address information on the Department website at: <https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/SelfService/Default.aspx>. Please note that confirmation of change is not automatically provided. Legal notices will be sent to a licensee's address of record with the Department. Under s. 440.11 (1), Wis. Stats., an applicant or credential holder has 30 days to provide notification of a change in name or address.

If name and address information is not kept current, a credential holder may not receive complaint and investigation notices or other important information from the Board. Failure for any reason to respond in a timely manner to an investigation notice from the Board may result in disciplinary action (s. Med 10.03 (3) (g), Wis. Admin. Code)

Telephone Directory:

Call the Department of Safety and Professional Services toll-free (877) 617-1565, or (608) 266-2112 in the Madison area to connect to the service you need.

Physician Member Positions on MEB Councils

The Respiratory Care Practitioners Examining Council and the Perfusionists Examining Council currently have Physician Member vacancies. If you are interested in serving on one of these MEB Councils, please review the position information provided below. To apply to serve simply complete the [application for appointment](#) and return it to the Department of Safety and Professional Services with a cover letter and resume as outlined in the application.

Application for MEB Council Appointments

Respiratory Care Practitioners Examining Council

Created at Wis. Stat. § 15.407(1m)

- Position Info: Physician Member: Serves a 3-year term with no term limits

Council Webpage: [Respiratory Care Practitioners Examining Council](#)

Perfusionists Examining Council

Created at Wis. Stat. § 15.407(2m)

- Position Info: Cardiothoracic Surgeon or Cardiovascular Anesthesiologist Member: Serves a 3-year term with no more than 2 consecutive terms

Council Webpage: [Perfusionists Examining Council](#)

UPDATE FROM THE FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS

National Survey Indicates Majority of Physician Misconduct Goes Unreported

While many Americans believe they have experienced physician misconduct, relatively few report the misconduct or file a complaint

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) has released the results of a survey commissioned to measure the prevalence of physician misconduct and public awareness of the work of state medical boards.

According to the survey, commissioned by FSMB and conducted online by The Harris Poll among over 2,000 US adults, nearly one in five (18 percent) of Americans have had an interaction with a physician who they believe was acting unethically, unprofessionally, or providing substandard care but only one-third (33 percent) of those who believe they experienced unethical, unprofessional, or substandard care reported the misconduct or filed a complaint. And among those who filed a complaint, only 34% took their complaint to a state medical board – the entity responsible for licensing and disciplining physicians. Nearly 7 in 10 Americans (69%) do not know that a state medical board is the best resource to contact first if you have a complaint about a physician's competence or conduct.

“The results of The Harris Poll survey show that physician misconduct is being underreported, and a majority of Americans do not know where to file a complaint against a physician,” said FSMB President and CEO Humayun Chaudhry, DO, MACP. “This is an opportunity to further educate consumers about the valuable role state medical boards play in these cases and ensure that if and when a patient is mistreated or harmed by a physician, they know to report that incident to their medical board.”

“The FSMB believes it is essential to create a safe environment for reporting, so patients feel comfortable coming forward to boards, while also empowering every member of a health care team to exercise their duty to report misconduct as well,” he said.

Key Findings

Physician Misconduct:

- Nearly 1 in 5 Americans (18%) have experienced an interaction with a physician who they believe was acting unethically, unprofessionally, or providing substandard care
- Women are twice as likely as men to have experienced physician misconduct (24% vs. 12%)
- Among those who have experienced physician misconduct, only one third (33%) reported the interaction or filed a complaint against the physician
- Among those who have experienced physician misconduct, a larger portion of men than women (41% of men vs. 30% of women) reported the physician misconduct
- Of those who did file a complaint or report the physician, only about one third (34%) notified the state medical board – the entity responsible for licensing and disciplining physicians

State Medical Board Awareness:

- Less than 3 in 10 Americans (27%) say they know how to find out if a physician has ever received a disciplinary action against their medical license
- 51% of Americans do not know that state medical boards are responsible for the licensing and regulating of physicians in the United States

In an effort to increase public awareness about the role of state medical boards, the FSMB recently expanded its free physician search tool, [DocInfo.org](http://www.docinfo.org) (www.docinfo.org). The new DocInfo emphasizes the importance of reporting incidents of physician misconduct to state medical boards, and explains when, how and where to file a complaint. DocInfo provides professional background information on every licensed doctor in the United States, including:

- Where they attended medical school
- Which states they are licensed to practice in
- What their medical specialty is
- If they have ever been disciplined by a state medical board (date and type of disciplinary action taken)

Survey Method:

This survey was conducted online within the United States by The Harris Poll on behalf of FSMB from October 5-9, 2018 among 2,018 U.S. adults ages 18 and older, among whom 409 have experienced an interaction with a physician who they believed was acting unethically, unprofessionally or providing substandard care, of which 128 filed a complaint/reported said interaction. This online survey is not based on a probability sample and therefore no estimate of theoretical sampling error can be calculated. To learn more about the topline data, key findings and full methodology of The Harris Poll survey, please read the [executive summary](http://www.fsmb.org/siteassets/advocacy/news-releases/2018/harris-poll-executive-summary.pdf) at <http://www.fsmb.org/siteassets/advocacy/news-releases/2018/harris-poll-executive-summary.pdf>

Source: Federation of State Medical Boards news release, May 30, 2019

LICENSE RENEWAL DATE UPDATE:

2017 WISCONSIN ACT 329: Alignment of Physician License Renewal Dates

[2017 Wisconsin Act 329](#) aligns the renewal dates for physicians with an MD degree and physicians with a DO degree on November 1 of odd numbered years. The next renewal date for all physicians is November 1, 2019.

Duty to Report Convictions to the Board

Physicians are required to provide certified copies of the criminal complaint and the judgement of conviction within 30 days of any conviction (felony or misdemeanor). Failure to report a conviction within 30 days is unprofessional conduct under Wis. Admin. Code § [Med 10.03\(3\)\(h\)](#). Board action, including discipline, may result for any conviction that is substantially related to the practice of medicine and surgery. Board action may also result from a failure to timely report any conviction as required.

Enforcement Actions of the Medical Examining Board

The Medical Examining Board, with help from staff at the Department of Safety and Professional Services, can take action against licensed professionals around the state to help protect the citizens of Wisconsin, and the profession. You may search for any of the Board Orders listed below on the Department's website by using this link:

Board Order Search: <https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/SelfService/OrdersDisciplinaryActions.aspx>

Disciplinary actions are reported to the National Practitioners Data Bank. Available options to the Board are:

- ⇒ **Reprimand** - A public warning of the licensee for a violation.
- ⇒ **Limitation of License** - Imposes conditions and requirements upon the licensee, imposes restrictions on the scope of practice, or both.
- ⇒ **Suspension** - Completely and absolutely withdraws and withholds for a period of time all rights, privileges and authority previously conferred by the credential.
- ⇒ **Revocation** - Completely and absolutely terminates the credential and all rights, privileges and authority previously conferred by the credential.

Non-disciplinary actions are not reported to the National Practitioners Data Bank. Available options to the Board are:

- ⇒ **Administrative Warning** - Issued if violation is of a minor nature, a first occurrence and the warning will adequately protect the public. The issuance of an Administrative Warning is public information, however the reason for issuance is not.
- ⇒ **Remedial Education Order** - Issued when there is reason to believe that the deficiency can be corrected with remedial education, while sufficiently protecting the public.

Board Orders December 2018 to July 2019

Profession	Order Number	Order Date	Respondent	City	State
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0003637	7/9/2019	Jolepalem, Srinivas P R	Darien	IL
Physician Assistant	ORDER0005757	7/1/2019	Zachel, Gretchen O	Coon Rapids	MN
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006189	7/1/2019	Callaghan, R Stephen	Sturtevant	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0005959	7/1/2019	Dunn, Warren R	Madison	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0003565	6/21/2019	Poser, John S	Tioga	FL
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006249	6/19/2019	Draper, Dominic B	Muskego	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006248	6/19/2019	Gibbons, Vincent P	Madison	WI
Medicine and Surgery, DO	ORDER0006251	6/19/2019	Takahashi, Dai	Milwaukee	WI
Medicine and Surgery, DO	ORDER0006253	6/19/2019	Baker, Joseph M	Orland Park	IL
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006254	6/19/2019	Kingsbury, Robert D	Shoreview	MN
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006255	6/19/2019	Peterson, Kirsten D	Grand Forks	ND
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006250	6/19/2019	Arena, Arthur A	Milwaukee	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006252	6/19/2019	Mahler, Peter A	Madison	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0005889	6/6/2019	Nelson, Mark Alan	Brookfield	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0003817	6/6/2019	Krieger, Westscot G	Appleton	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004312	6/5/2019	Preciado-Riestra, Juan S	Waupaca	WI
Respiratory Care Practitioner	ORDER0006002	5/29/2019	Leiser, Lori A	Milwaukee	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0004429	5/28/2019	Chaffin, Todd H	Rockford	IL
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006192	5/15/2019	Dudley, Stephen S	Oshkosh	WI

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Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006194	5/15/2019	Alexander, Janice Hoehner	Cedarburg	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006191	5/15/2019	Metzger, Chris A	Bend	OR
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006189	5/15/2019	Callaghan, R Stephen	Sturtevant	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006190	5/15/2019	Clayton, Daniel A	Rochester	MN
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006193	5/15/2019	Ederer, Leah N	Sauk City	WI
Physician Assistant	ORDER0006195	5/15/2019	McCommons, Jennifer M	Shorewood	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006021	4/26/2019	Barragry, Thomas P	Mequon	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0002538	4/19/2019	Kim, Jong W	Bladenboro	NC
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006139	4/17/2019	Goodrich, Thomas E	Racine	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006137	4/17/2019	Koehler, Roderick D	Marshfield	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006141	4/17/2019	Rebholz, Brandon J	Milwaukee	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006136	4/17/2019	Naughton, Thomas M	New Berlin	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006135	4/17/2019	Kirmani-Moe, Sobia	Madison	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006138	4/17/2019	Whelan, John D	Fond Du Lac	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006140	4/17/2019	Gonzales, Barbara J	Milwaukee	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0005656	4/3/2019	Watts, Raymond A	Maplewood	MN
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006107	3/20/2019	Myers, Larry R	Eugene	OR
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006106	3/20/2019	Ahuja, Arvind	Greendale	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006108	3/20/2019	Walstatter, Bennett S	St Augustine	FL
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006110	3/20/2019	Yurcek, James J	Lancaster	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006109	3/20/2019	Buss, Robert C	Mauston	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0002832	3/11/2019	Ahmad, Farid A	Greenfield	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0002256	2/26/2019	Muellerleile, Edward James	Waukesha	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006067	2/20/2019	Sinense, Ricardo R	Milwaukee	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006070	2/20/2019	Patel, Satish Natvar	Hoffman Estates	IL
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006069	2/20/2019	Repplinger, Michael Dean	Fitchburg	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006071	2/20/2019	Pivar, Neil Douglas	Albuquerque	NM
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006068	2/20/2019	Shenfeld, Ronald M	Palatine	IL
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006072	2/20/2019	Halvorsen, Rodney J	Pleasant Prairie	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0002361	1/23/2019	Sidhu, Devinder Kaur	Pleasant Prairie	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006019	1/16/2019	Strancke, Charles R	Greenville	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006017	1/16/2019	Fetter, Victoria	Milwaukee	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006022	1/16/2019	France, Diane P	Milwaukee	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006020	1/16/2019	Van Every, Marvin J	La Crosse	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006018	1/16/2019	Hack, Howard M	Grand Forks	ND
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006023	1/16/2019	Hedlund Kanter, Kelly	Glenview	IL
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006021	1/16/2019	Barragry, Thomas P	Mequon	WI
Respiratory Care Practitioner	ORDER0006001	12/19/2018	Braem, John A	Appleton	WI
Physician Assistant	ORDER0005998	12/19/2018	Hammond-Koskey, David M	Ludington	MI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0005999	12/19/2018	Wohlfeil, Eric R	Oconomowoc	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0003029	12/19/2018	Rubin, Ronald G	Mequon	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0005997	12/19/2018	Stankevych, Anatol John	Green Bay	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0005996	12/19/2018	Vitale, Blaise P	Grantsburg	WI
Respiratory Care Practitioner	ORDER0006002	12/19/2018	Leiser, Lori A	Milwaukee	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0006000	12/19/2018	Kelemen, John J	Westerville	OH

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Medicine and Surgery, DO	ORDER0005672	3/21/2018	Di Santo, Vinson M.	Mckinney	TX
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0005671	3/21/2018	Fernandez, Jose L.	Stockbridge	GA
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0005674	3/21/2018	Kressin, Nancy A.	Gilford	NH
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0005673	3/21/2018	Pappenheim, John E.	Juneau	AK
Physician Assistant	ORDER0002310	3/27/2018	Haughey, Carol T.	Whitefish Bay	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0005555	3/30/2018	Hotchandani, Gope C.	Green Bay	WI
Medicine and Surgery, DO	ORDER0005708	4/18/2018	Benzer, David G.	Fifty Lakes	MN
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0005702	4/18/2018	Fahim, Magid M.	Perryville	MO
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0005700	4/18/2018	Farrell, Julie A.	Cincinnati	OH
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0005707	4/18/2018	Kamysz, Jeffery J.	Chicago	IL
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0005706	4/18/2018	Mahn, Thomas Henning	Milwaukee	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0005704	4/18/2018	Maldonado, Dennys E.	Janesville	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0005703	4/18/2018	Malik, Ahmed Mehdi	West Allis	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0005701	4/18/2018	Marshall, Angus	La Crosse	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0005705	4/18/2018	Schlidt, Scott A.	Menomonee Falls	WI
Medicine and Surgery, MD	ORDER0005699	4/18/2018	Wiersema, Channing C.	Plover	WI

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